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# FOOD AND NUTRITION SERVICE

Celebrates 20 Years of Caring and Sharing 1969-1989

Memories long and short were challenged at headquarters' 20th Anniversary party. This event capped the celebration of our 20-year history.

Acting Administrator Scott Dunn welcomed people and introduced Acting Assistant Secretary Ann Chadwick and Acting Associate Administrator George Braley.

The following speeches were highlights of the evening.

# Remarks of Acting Associate Administrator George Braley

Hello and good evening. Because of my 17 years at FNS, I think I know most of you but for those whom I don't, I'm George Braley. My role tonight is to introduce some of the celebrities we have in our midst.

The first person I have the privilege of introducing is someone whom I've only recently come to know and appreciate. One of the benefits of the long transition we've experienced is the opportunity to work with Ann Chadwick. Ann has stepped into a very difficult position with some big shoes to fill and has done an excellent job. Moreover, she is delightful to work with and just a very nice person. Please join me in welcoming the Acting Assistant Secretary for Food and Consumer Services Ann Chadwick.



Alberta Frost



Phil Fleming



Phyllis Weaver



Bonny O'Neil

All of the people who worked on this event were so plesed when they learned that the Deputy Secretary of Agriculture, Mr. Jack Parnell, accepted our invitation to be here tonight. I think he wanted to find out what kind of people are responsible for spending \$22 billion of the Department's budget. Since becoming Deputy Secretary, Mr. Parnell has taken a keen interest in FNS and its programs. We are very appreciative of his interest and cooperation.

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I am also privileged to introduce our new Assistant Secretary-designate Catherine Bertini. Ms. Bertini's appointment was announced just this week by the White House, and we're all looking forward to a speedy confirmation so that she can become our new Assistant Sceretary.

We have two of our former assistant secretaries with us tonight—Carol Tucker Foreman and John W. Bode. I'm not sure but that may be the first time they've appeared together in the same sentence. Carol Foreman served as our Assistant Secretary from 1977 to 1981. Carol brought to the Department the zeal and enthusiasm of an advocate, and she stayed to make the hard choices of an administrator. We are so pleased that she could be with us tonight.

John Bode served first as Deputy Assistant Secretary from 1981 to 1985 and as our Assistant Secretary from 1985 until early this year. John's letter to the Editor of the Post just last weekend where he went to bat for the commodity program is evidence of his continuing interest in our programs.

During the 20 years that FNS has existed, we've had seven official administrators. Four of them are with us tonight. I would like to welcome them and ask them to come up and join us after I introduce them.

o Bob Greenstein served from 1979 to 1981. Following his departure, the Federal Register had to lay off hundreds of people because of the decline in food stamp regulatory activity. Bob, of course, maintains an active interest in FNS from his current position.

o Bill Hoagland was our leader in 1981, and he too has remained an active player in food program policies from his position with the Senate Budget Committee.



Andy Hornsby, Christine Van Lenten, and Diane Berger



From left: Bob Greenstein and Vernon Morgan

#### (Braley Continued)

o Sam Cornelius led the agency in 1982 and 1983. Sam came to us from the White House and became the Director of the Department's Office of Advocacy and Enterprise following his tenure at FNS.



From left: Ron Johnson, Grace Sheffey, Genevieve and Sam Cornelius

o Bob Ieard, who couldn't be here because of a prior commitment, served as Administrator from 1983 until 1987.

o Finally, Anna Kondratas is our most recent permanent Administrator. Anna served from 1987 until early this year when she left for the calmer waters of the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Just in the last couple of weeks, Anna was confirmed by the Senate and is now the Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development at HUD.



Anna Kondratas and Joe Leo

I would be remiss if I didn't acknowledge Phil Olsson who was the Deputy Assistant Secretary to Dick Lyng when the agency was brand new. Phil was a key player in the years when FNS was struggling to get a new food stamp program established in every county in the United States.

Many of you have also made significant contributions to the success of the Food and Nutrition Service and its programs. I want to quickly recognize some of the people who retired from FNS after long and distinguished careers working with our programs. As I call your name, please raise your hand so that we may recognize you: Lenneise Beatty, Barbara Campbell, Phil Fleming, Alma Holland, Allan Lucas, Earl Miller, Jean Osterling, Herb Rorex, Paul Rowen, Jeannette Schaevitz, Ruth Stewart, Reggie Strother, Claude Sutherland, Sam Vanneman.

# Remarks of Acting Assistant Secretary Ann Chadwick

Thank you, George.

It is my special pleasure to be here this evening and to join in welcoming our predecessors, current colleagues, and guests to the Food and Nutrition Service's 20th Anniversary celebration.

This occasion gives us a wonderful opportunity to reminisce about our shared experiences, to take pride in our collective success in meeting the challenges we've faced.



From Left: Sandy Lefler, Donna Tonini, and Carol Stansfield

#### (Chadwick Continued)

For 20 years, we have steadfastly worked to fulfill the original mission of the Food and Nutrition Service—the mission to provide all Americans with access to a healthful diet.

Operating 10 major food assistance programs that help millions and millions of people each day through a complex network of Federal, state, and local governments is, clearly, an enormous challenge.

To compound that challenge, we've had to keep pace with dramatic social, economic, political, and technological changes that affected the programs.

Those of us who have been part of the Food and Nutrition Service are members of a team that reaches across the country and through time.

Each of us has worked toward accomplishing the original mission. And I believe the way we've responded to change has enhanced our progress toward that goal.

I assumed the mantle of leadership for FNS programs about 5 months ago. Since then, I have come to understand the significance of the commitment, dedication, and day-in day-out hard work of every member--past and present--of this team.

The result of our combined effort is the difference that FNS has made in the lives of the millions of people we've served. We can be very proud of the histroy we've all had a hand in writing.

And in the process, we have all forged friendships that will last a lifetime. Certainly our caring for our co-workers is part of what we're celebrating tonight.

I thank you. I'm glad you're here tonight. And I hope everyone enjoys the food, the fellowship, and the music.



From left: Janie Manley and Vicky Urcuyo

## Remarks of Budget Division Director Jerry Boling



Gary Batko

Tonight, we thought it might be fun to reminisce musically on some of the significant years and events in the history and memories of FNS. Join your partner on the dance floor as we go back in time.

The first year is 1935. The country was still in the throes of the Great Depression and many people needed help, and hope.

To help the hungry, USDA first began distributing surplus foods. And all across the land, bands were playing "The Anniversary Waltz" as people tried to forget their troubles.

#### (Boling Continued)

The next significant year for our programs was 1946. It was a great year—the boys were home from the war, Kilroy was everywhere, and President Harry Truman signed the historic National School Lunch Act.

This gave permanent authorization to the school lunch program.

In 1946, "Zippity Do Da" was on the American Hit Parade.

Let's go now all the way to the beginning of that turbulent decade: the 60's.

In <u>1961</u>, John Kennedy had just been elected President and he wanted USDA to find better ways to get food to the needy.

The Department got at the task right away and before the year ended there were eight pilot food stamp programs in economically depressed areas.

A favorite song from 1961 is "The Twist."

In <u>1964</u>, President Lyndon Johnson signed the Food Stamp Act. The program had grown from county to county and from state to state, and now this legislation made it permanent.

That year, we were all listening to "We Can Work It Out."

In <u>1969</u>, President Richard Nixon wanted to put an end to hunger in America for all time. Thus, the Food and Nutrition Service was born, and Ed Hekman became the first administrator.

It was also the year of "Aquarius."

In <u>1974</u>, the first WIC clinic was opened in Pineville, Kentucky. Secretary Clayton Yeutter, who was Assistant Secretary for Marketing and Consumer Services at the time, cut the ribbon at this first WIC site.

"Annie's Song" was the most popular song that year.



From left: Linda Walters, Sharon Phillips, and Anne Gariazzo



Eunice Bowman and Bob Labbe



Darlene Bryant
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In 1977, FNS headquarters was threatened by a move to Siberia, otherwise known as Buzzards Point—which is situated in the Anacostia flood plain. If not monumental to the nation, it did provoke trauma in FNS. Royal Shipp, who was our acting administrator, helped us defeat that move.

This compelling issue made the TV evening news that day in 1977....a year when we were all listening to "You Light Up My Life."

Of course, you all know that in <u>1980</u> FNS moved to Park Center, which is still its headquarters today.

In 1980, we were all dancing to "9 to 5."



And that brings me to 1989--our 20th anniversary year. This is the year we get to see all of you, and it's wonderful! Now let's all dance to the tunes of the Mel-o-tones! ("Batman Theme")



Katie Washington and Nathaniel Thomas

### Introducing Isabelle Kelley



Food Distribution Director Alberta Frost (left) and Isabelle Kelley, former assistant deputy administrator for Program Operations and guest speaker, pause for a moment before an eager audience.

As part of the 20th Anniversary activities, Kelley captured the house with her vivid memory and enthusiasm for the history of the Food Stamp Program.

Those of us who remember her were thrilled, and those who met her for the first time must have felt the excitement and captivation, only wishing they had known this remarkable lady.

A videotape of Kelley's remarks was mailed to each regional public affairs director and is available for viewing.

> -Story by Mary Kennedy Photo by Pamela Faith Public Affairs Staff



### Former FSP Directors Mark 25th Anniversary

In celebration of the 25th anniversary of the signing of the Food Stamp Act, four former directors, a former deputy, and two retirees who witnessed the signing of the act joined Bonny O'Neil, the current acting deputy administrator, for a lively lunch at Copeland's.



(First row, left to right): Betty Hight, Isabelle Kelley, Joe Sheppard (second row, left to right): Haywood Taylor, Jim Springfield, Bonny O'Neil, Alberta Frost, P. Royal Shipp.



Isabelle Kelley, Betty Hight, and Haywood Taylor were present when President Lyndon Johnson signed the Food Stamp Act during a late-night ceremony at the White House on August 31, 1964.

Jim Springfield, P. Royal Shipp, and Alberta Frost were food stamp directors in the 70's and 80's. Joe Sheppard was deputy to Nancy Snyder who now lives in Blue Hill, Maine. Other directors during this era were Jim Kocher, who died in office; Virgil Conrad; John Stokes; and Scott Dunn, currently acting administrator.

A lot of good memories of people and events were shared, and several of us met again at the FNS 20th Anniversary party on September 23.

-Story by Bonny O'Neil Acting Deputy Administrator, FSP Photo by Pamela Faith Public Information Staff

#### **Door Prizes**

Robb Austin Copelands Betty Dotson \$250 (Credit Union) Sue McAndrew Sandwich Chef Bill Burke Joan McAndrew - Center Club Sophie Fleming - Atlantis Pamela Faith Dana Clerkin -James Hairstylist Claude Southerland T-shirts/Caps Frank Gearde Nancy Snyder Phil Fleming Barbara Campbell



Diane Berger and Charlie Okal

### 20th Anniversary Partygoers

#### **Grand Finale**

### September 23, 1989

AUSTIN, ROBB BARNES, JOHN BARNES, JOHN
BATKO, GARY
BAYNE, JOHN
BEARD, ROBERT
BEARD, SUSAN
BEATTY, LENNEISE
BENDERLY, BERYL
BENDERLY, BERYL BENDERLY, JORDAN BENEMANN, MARLENE BERGER, DIANE BERTINI, CATHERINE BODE, DENISE BODE, JOHN W. BOLING, JERRY BOLING, JERRY
BOLING, LINDA
BOWMAN, CHARLES
BOWMAN, EUNICE
BRALEY, GEORGE
BRALEY, MARGY
BRAUN, MARY
BRAUN, PAUL
BRESNAHAN KENNE BRESNAHAN, KENNETH BRIMHALL, JESSE BROOK, BEA BRUNO, JOE BRYANT, DARLENE BUDWAY, ROBERT BURKE, ALONZO BURKE, BILL BURKE, ENA BURKE, NINA BURKE, NINA
CAMPBELL, BARBARA
CAMPBELL, SR., EDWARD II. R.
CANTFIL, MARK
CANTFIL, PEGGY
CASHION, MARTHA
CERESA, KIMBERLY
CHADWICK, ANN
CHADWICK, TOM CLEMANS, SID CLERKIN, DANA CLERKIN, PATRICK COFFMAN, JERRY COFFMAN, KAREN
CORNELIUS, GENEVIEVE
CORNELIUS, SAMUEL J
DALY, COLLEEN DALY, SHARON
DALY, WILLIAM
DANIELS, FREEMAN L.
DANIELS, GAPTICIA N DANIELS, PARTICIA N. DEFERRANTI, DAVID DEFERRANTI, MARGOT DEITZ, PATRICIA W. DOTSON, BETTY LOU DUBOIS, CYNTHIA DUBOIS, HENRY DUNN, LINDA DUNN, SCOTT ELDRED, SHARON

FAITH, PAM

FALCONE, MARIA FAY, BARBARA FERSH, ROB FLEMING, PHILIP FLEMING, SOPHIE FLORENCE, ANN FLORENCE, ANN
FOLEY, ART
FOREMAN, CAROL
FORTE, RUSSELL
FRENCH, ART
FROST, ALBERTA
GARIAZZO, ANNE
GARNETT, EILEEN
GARNETT, STAN
GEARDE, FRANK
GIUFFRIDA, MIKE
GLAVIN, JOHN GLAVIN, JOHN
GLAVIN, MARGARET
GRAHAME, TOM
GREENSTEIN, BOB
GROSS, PATRICIA GUROFF, AVRAM E. GUROFF, MARLENE BECK HAIGH, BRAD HALL, DIANNE HALLBERG, TERRY HALLMAN, BARBARA HALLMAN, NELSON HARRIS, JOHN A.
HASKELL, THOMAS
HEFFEL, LARRY
HEFFEL, MARILYN HENIGAN, DENNIS HENIGAN, ELLEN HESLIN, GERTRUDE HESLIN, JOHN HIER, LORI HILT, MARCELLA HITCHCOCK, JANET HOAGLAND, BILL HOAGLAND, ROZ HOCHMAN, STEVE HOLLAND, ALMA C. HOLLAND, HARRY HOLLAND, HARRY
HORNSBY, ANDY
HORNSBY, WANDA
HUFFMAN, HUGH
HUFFMAN, SANDY
HUNIGAN, EARL
IDE, CHARLIE
IDE, SARAH
JARMON JAMES JARMON, JAMES JARMON, LORETTA JENDRYSIK, BARBARA JENDRYSIK, THOMAS JENSEN, TIMMIE JOHNSON, RON JONES, ERNESTINE KALISH, HERBERT KALISH, JUDY KENNEDY, MARY KERN, JAN

KOCSIS, CHRISTOPHER

KONDRATAS, ANNA KRIEGEL, MILDRED LABBE, ROBERT LEE, JEANARTA LEFLER, SANDRA LEO, JOAN LEO, JOSEPH LOWERRE, BOB LOWERRE, BOB
LUCAS, ALLAN
LUHRS, CARO
LYONS, JAMES
LYONS, NANCY
MAGGI, PATRICIA
MANLEY, JANIE
MARTIN, GAIL
MCANDREW, JOAN
MCANDREW, SUSAN D.
MCATEER, MIKE
MCATEER, PEGGY MCATEER, PEGGY MCCORMICK-MCQUILLAN, ANN MCHENRY, PAT MCQUILLAN, THOMAS H. MCQUILLAN, THOMAS H
MILLER, EARL E.
MITCHELL, TOMMY
MITCHELL, VICKIE
MORGAN, BARBARA
MORGAN, CAROLYN
MORGAN, VERNON
MURPHY, TIMOTHY
NAUGHTON, CAROL
NAUGHTON, RICHARD
NEITZEL, KATE
NEITZEL, KATE
NEITZEL, SCOTT
NELSON, CARL
NICHOLS, ABIGAIL
NICHOLS, GLENN
O'CONNOR, BETSY
O'CONNOR, TIM
O'MALLEY, GABRIELLE
O'NEIL, BONNY
OKAL, CHARLES OKAL, CHARLES
OLSSON, DIANE
OLSSON, PHILIP
OMELCZENKO, VICTOR OSBORNE, JANET OSTERLING, JEAN OVERBAGH, DAVE PARNELL, JACK PARNELL, SUSAN PASTURA, LOU PASTURA, LOU
PASTURA, SUZANNE
PATRICK, MICHAEL
PERRY, JIM
PHILLIPS, C. WARREN
PHILLIPS, CAROLE J.
PHILLIPS, GERALD
PHILLIPS, SHARON
PICKER, ROB
POLLOCK LUCIA POLLOCK, LUCIA POPE, JOSEPH

PORTER, KATHRYN

PORTER, NEIL

PORTER, PAT PRODEN, FRANK PRODEN, SUSAN PUMA, ANNA PUMA, MIKE RANA, LARRY RANA, MRY REMER, MITCHELL REMER, MITCHELL
RICHE, ROBIN
RICHE, VICTOR
ROREX, HERBERT
ROREX, LOIS
ROSS, MAC
ROSS, VIRGINIA
ROWEN, PAUL
SCHAEVITZ, JEANETTE
SCHAEVITZ, YALE
SCHMIDT, CHRISTY
SENEKER, PEGGY SENEKER, PEGGY SHEFFEY, GRACE SHEPHERD, JOE SHEPHERD, JUDITH SHERRIFF, MYRA SHERRIFF, WILLIAM E. SHIPP, P. ROYAL SNYDER, NANCY SPRINGFIELD, CAROL SPRINGFIELD, JAMES E. STANSFIELD, CAROL STEWART, RUTH STROTHER, REGGIE SUTHERLAND, CLAUDE S. TAXIN, SUZANNE
THOMAS, GLENN
THOMAS, NATHANIEL
TONINI, DONNA URCUYO, MARCO URCUYO, VICKY VAN LENTEN, CHRISTINE VANNEMAN, SAM VENABLE, VELMA VINCENT, GENE WACK, JR., LOUIS WALLER, LINDA WALTERS, DAVID WALTERS, LINDA WALTERS, LINDA
WARNER, JOHN
WARNER, TRISH
WARREN, ESSIE
WASHINGTON, KATIE
WAYLAND, ROBERT
WAYLAND, SUSAN
WEAVER, PHYLLIS
WEBSTER, JOHN
WEBSTER, SANDY
WIGGINS, MELVIN WIGGINS, MELVIN WINGO, DALE WINGO, MARY WRIGHT, DIANNE YOUNG, DAVID YUE, LISA ZORN, FRAN

# FNS Celebrates the 20th Anniversary at the 1989 Annual Picnic



We can handle this It's a piece of cake.



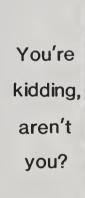
Great food enjoyed by all.



Keep boiling more corn.
They love it!



Hey, where's our team?





It's always
nice to
see friends
again.



These are the brave ones who dared admit to 20 years or more of service.



# Friday Letter Vacancy Listing by Vacancy Number

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o Food Prog Spec	(A)	GS-0120	5/7	01/31/90	90 <b>-</b> B	FNS				
o Nutritionist	(A)	GS-0630	12/13	11/20/89	90-H-01	HNIS				
o Secretary (Typing)	(A)	GS-0318	5/6	12/04/89	90-06*	ASD				
o Home Economist	(A)	GS-0493	9/11	11/20/89	90-H-07	HNIS				
o Statistician	(A)	GS-1530	7/9	12/01/89	90-08**	PAD				
(General)										
o Budget Analyst	(FNS-HQ)	GS-0560	12	11/27/89	90-09	BUD				
o Home Economist	(A)	GS-0493	7/9	11/27/89	90-H-10	HNIS				
(Temp NTE 1 Year, part-time 16-32 hrs per wk or full-time)										
o Supvry Prog Analyst	-	GM-0345	14	12/04/89	90-12	OAE				
(Temp Promotion NTE 8/19/90)										
o Secretary (Typing)	(G)	GS-0318	5/6	12/04/89	90-13	PED				
o Nutritionist	(USDA-W)	GS-0630	13	11/20/89	89-H-181*	HNIS				

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HNIS	-	Human Nutrition Information Service	(FNS-HQ)	-	Food and Nutrition
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PAD	-	Program Accountability Division	(G)	-	Governmentwide
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